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1. In the city of Zalaegerszeg, Kreis Zala, in the former Hungarian artillery caserne (Kanonierkaserne) near the railroad station is stationed the Eighth Mountain Chasseur and Artillery Training School for non-commissioned officers of the Russian Army.
2. The commandant of the school is Colonel Tschirock, about fifty years of age.
3. There are from six to eight thousand men quartered in the caserne.
4. The Russian students are between eighteen and twenty-four years of age. They receive no passes for the duration of the nine-month training period. The soldiers come direct from the Soviet Union and have not been in Europe before. They wear ordinary Russian uniforms: boots, green trousers, bright green shirts, and new belts. They wear no epaulets.
5. The training cadre consists of some 100 to 120 officers with grades ranging up to captain, between five and eight staff officers and one colonel, the commandant. There are also a number of officer candidates (Unterführer) who are all called "sergeant", though some wear one, others two and still others three pieces of piping on red lapels.
6. The school has numerous pieces of artillery of various calibers, both heavy and light, and between twenty and twenty-five tanks of various types, which, however, are used only for training purposes. Recently several especially heavy cannon arrived at the school by railroad from Czechoslovakia.
7. The school has many trucks, armored cars and horse-drawn vehicles. There are at hand some two hundred work horses and about fifty or sixty saddle horses.
8. The caserne is composed of several stone buildings and is surrounded by a wall. Posted about the caserne are Hungarian sentries. At the entrances the guard is double, both Hungarian and Russian guards being posted there.
9. Source's unit is called the "Határőradász" (border chasseurs). Two weeks before source's flight the first Hungarian Training Division arrived from the Soviet Union, where it had been sixteen months in training. Its members are all officer candidates (Unterführer) and have been apportioned among various Hungarian units as training cadre.

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